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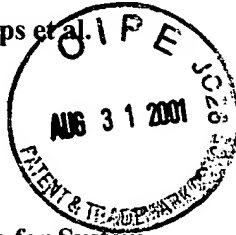
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In re application of: Capps et al.

Serial No.: 09/881,922

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

No fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Prior to continued examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, line 7, after "No.", delete the blank line and insert --08/835,129--.

On page 1, line 9, after "filed on", delete "even date herewith and hereby incorporated by reference", and insert --April 4, 1997 and abandoned on April 20, 1999--.